# Cooperative Funding Program Update

Partnerships for Stormwater Management, Alternative Water Supply and Water Conservation Projects



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#### Recap of Cooperative Funding Program Initiative

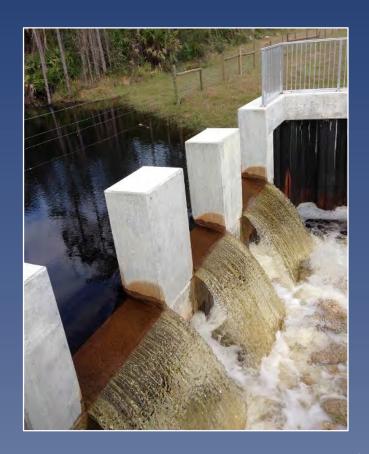
- Launched October 2014
- Broad effort to inventory all potential water-related projects in the region – stormwater management, alternative water supply and water conservation
- Combined cost-share efforts into a single process to plan in advance for needed funding
- > 199 conceptual project applications received in November 2014
- Preliminary grouping conducted in February 2015.
- Program has not proceeded beyond conceptual application stage
- > FY16: \$9 Million one-time funds budgeted

## Project and Lands Committee Recap January 2016

- Opportunity to refine program based on current budget and Board input
- Support going forward with one-time funding program
- Develop program that includes new request for applications based upon following guidelines:
  - Cost-share construction only
  - Readiness to proceed
  - Permits in place
  - Projects completed within 1 to 2 years
  - Establish a maximum funding level per project to manage expectations

#### **Proposed Approach**

- > Issue new request for applications
- > Eligibility criteria:
  - Supports mission of the District and/or adopted plan
  - Environmental, resource and community benefits
  - Readiness to proceed
    - Design complete
    - Status of project permits
  - Construction/Implementation
    - Initiate implementation within 12 months
    - Complete projects within 24 months



#### **Project Funding**

- Up to 50 percent or proposed funding maximum, whichever less
- REDI cities and counties: Up to 75 percent or proposed funding maximum, whichever less

Program	Proposed Funding Maximum*
Water Conservation	\$100,000
Stormwater Management	\$250,000
Alternative Water Supply	\$500,000

<sup>\*</sup>Or 50% of project cost, whichever is less

#### **Considerations: Stormwater Management**

- Identified in an adopted plan
  - Basin Management Action Plan/Total Maximum Daily Load
  - Watershed protection plan
  - Stormwater master plan
  - Resource management plan
- Discharges to an impaired water body
- Resource benefits
  - Stormwater, water quality, ecosystem restoration and flood control
  - Pollutant removals
  - Watershed area treated
- Cost effectiveness



#### **Considerations: Alternative Water Supply**

- Reduces dependence on traditional sources
- Contributes to Alternative Water Supply development in resource limited area
- > Supports ocean outfall legislation
- Consistent with Consumptive Use Permit
- Provides a dependable, sustainable supply of water
- Past performance



#### **Considerations: Water Conservation**

- Cost effectiveness
- Water source being conserved
- Quantity of water saved
- Quality and detail of project proposal
- Past performance



#### **Proposed Schedule**

Mar/Apr: Application period begins

May/June: Applications due

June/July: Staff process applications

Aug/Sept: Governing Board selects projects for funding

**Sept/Oct:** Contract execution begins



### Discussion

